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**Reference: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site, Gary, Indiana
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the
Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study,
CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004
April 2016 Monthly Progress Report #024**

Dear Ms. Blake:

In fulfillment of the requirements of Section IX, Paragraph 32, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004, the Respondents are submitting the April 2016 monthly progress report.

Should you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Mike Samples at (865) 691-5052.

Sincerely,
de maximis, inc.


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Enclosure

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - #024

PROJECT NAME: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site

PERIOD COVERED: April 2016

A. ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARD COMPLIANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- With a transmittal dated April 1, 2016, the Gary Development Landfill Site Group (Respondents) provided the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a project schedule on a task basis. The schedule also accounted for the two additional rounds of groundwater sampling requested by EPA. In a letter dated April 15, 2016, EPA provided approval of the project schedule.
- In a letter dated April 8, 2016, the Respondents provided EPA with the Background Pond Evaluation, supporting the suitability of the proposed location for representative background conditions. In a letter dated April 25, 2016, EPA provided approval of the proposed location for background sampling.
- In a letter dated April 15, 2016, the Respondents notified EPA that Environmental Field Services, Inc. (EFS) had been selected as the drilling subcontractor. No objection to the selected subcontractor was received from EPA.
- On April 21, 2016, EPA notified the Respondents that a property owner Non-Responsive was on-Site removing scrap metal from his property. Non-Responsive was contacted by the Respondents on April 22, 2016 and an agreement was verbally reached that Mr. Non-Responsive would notify the Respondents contractor at least 1 hour prior to planning to be on-Site to perform work so that Parsons can coordinate to have an employee present to observe any work.
- In response to a request from EPA that the access gate installation be expedited, in an email dated April 27, 2016, EPA was notified that the Respondents had selected Blood Hound, Inc. (utility location service subcontractor) and Acorn Fence and Construction, Inc. (fencing subcontractor). No objections to the selected subcontractors were received from EPA.
- On April 25, 2016, the Respondents submitted to EPA an incident follow-up summary related to a vegetation fire that occurred at the Site on April 18, 2016. The fire, which was started by off-Site work being performed by the railroad, burned a large portion of the above ground vegetation and ignited an existing gas vent. On April 26, 2016, the Respondents contractor observed that the vent flare had gone out on its own. Vegetation has already started to re-grow.

ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARD COMPLIANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Cont.)

- Mobilization of the office trailer and storage unit occurred on April 29, 2016.
- Continued offsite water well survey task.
- Continued threatened and endangered species literature search.

B. SAMPLING AND TESTING ACTIONS AND RESULTS

- None.

C. WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS

- Continue implementation of the RI/FS Work Plan in accordance with the schedule.
- Complete subcontractor screening, and procurement.
- Install access gate, fencing around office trailer and storage area, and no trespassing signage.
- Initiate permitting process associated with obtaining background samples from the Pine Station Nature Preserve controlled by the Indiana Department of natural Resources.
- Schedule site utility (i.e., electrical) hookup for office trailer.
- Perform on-site building evaluation.
- Complete literature/information review for threatened and endangered species.
- Perform wetland delineation and habitat evaluation.
- Complete offsite water well survey.

D. SCHEDULE OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES AND DELIVERABLES

- 2Q16 - Conduct wetland delineation and habitat evaluation.
- 2Q16 - Perform field screening of existing gas vents.
- 2Q16 - Complete the off-site Water Well Inventory, and submit to EPA.

E. CHANGES IN RI/FS WORK PLANS OR ACTIVITIES

- None.

F. ENCOUNTERED / ANTICIPATED DELAYS

- As a result of the April 18, 2016 vegetation fire, which was started by off-Site work being performed by the railroad, slight delays in mobilization and field activities occurred. However, the Respondents are working to minimize overall schedule changes, if any.

G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

- None.